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Comments: Hi,

I am writing to oppose or suggest changes to the proposed policy.

Climbers trust their gear and especially fixed gear with their lives. I am beyond thankful for all the climbing organizations that check and assess fixed gear, while also performing necessary maintenance and replacement on fixed gear. Without the ability to assess and replace fixed gear, millions of climber's safety is going to be literally put on the line. We will see more avoidable accidents due to a policy that prohibits responsible replacement of fixed gear by climbers.

Restricting the establishment of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" on non-Wilderness lands is unenforceable and will create confusion amongst land managers and climbers. Non-Wilderness climbing management policy should maintain opportunities for new anchors unless and until analyses determine climbing should be restricted to protect cultural and natural resources.

Many climbers come to the sport because of the challenge of it but there are none that I know who do not also find a love and moral responsibility to give back to the land and environment. By passing this policy, NPS is losing an incredible group of environmentalists who care for and support stewarding our national parks. Please do not jeopardize our safety with this policy.